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RAIN AND HIGH WINDSTORM POUNDS AREA

Partial roof blown off at St. Julian. Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

Tree debris on Kalamazoo Street. Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

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On Sunday night, March 30, a fast-moving storm brought high winds and heavy rain to southwestern Michigan.

In Paw Paw, a portion of the St. Julian Winery roof was blown off, causing damage. The business remained closed on Monday to assess and repair the damage.

In Oshtemo Township, the canopy of the Marathon station on West Main Street was blown over.

Area residents were hit hard as well. Just outside Paw Paw, one family watched in horror while their carport was lifted right off its anchors and bent.

Another, Almena Township, family was shocked with extensive home damage, when a tree fell on their rooftop.

Other storm damage saw trees and tree limbs land on roadways (54th Avenue, Antwerp Township) and in front yards on Kalamazoo Street, (Village of Paw Paw).

Fire departments, police, first responders, and the Van Buren County Road Commission kept busy responding to many calls during and after the storm.

According to the NOAA Storm Prediction Center, it initially received 570 reports of high winds, hail, and tornadoes. Several were reported in West Michigan, including a confirmed EF-1 in Edwardsburg.

There were 369 reports of high winds, and wind damage, with the strongest winds recorded at Jackson Airport at 96 mph, and tied for third highest wind at Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids, at 81 mph.

House damaged by falling tree. Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

Tree down over 54th Avenue. Photo courtesy of Robert Nondorf

Marathon – Canopy blown down at the Marathon on West Main. Photo from Robyn Robinson's Facebook Page.

Green – Carport pulled up and bent, just outside Paw Paw. Photo from Samantha Craig's Facebook Page

SUV and Amish buggy crash claims life of young girl

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LAWRENCE - An eight-year-old girl was killed early Wednesday morning, March 26, in Lawrence Township when the Amish horse and buggy she was a passenger in, was rear-ended by a vehicle, according to a press release from the Michigan State Police, Paw Paw Post.

The crash occurred at approximately 8 a.m. on County Road 215, near 60th Avenue in Lawrence Township. A preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of a Ford SUV, a 31-year-old Mattawan woman, Sheila Kershner, was traveling northbound when she allegedly rear-ended a buggy carrying two occupants, a 12-year-old boy, who was transported to the hospital in critical condition and an 8-year-old girl, who succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The boy has since been released from the hospital, according to social media reports.

Authorities reported the horse also died due to injuries received. Kershner was arrested and transported to the Van Buren County Jail, Paw Paw, on operating under the influence of an unknown substance. She, nor her two occupants were injured. Seatbelt use is unknown. Troopers were assisted by Van Buren County Sheriff's deputies and emergency medical services.

The crash remains open pending further investigation, according to MSP.

On Friday, March 28, Kershner was in court. She faces charge of operating while intoxicated causing death, reckless driving causing death, homicide - manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating while intoxicated causing serious injury, reckless driving causing serious impairment of bodily function, fourth-degree child abuse, and two counts of operating while intoxicated - occupant less than 16.

Suspect in custody in Hartford shooting

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Uniform Response and detectives from the CID Unit handled a shooting/homicide in the City of Hartford. "I cannot go into details being it's an open pending case with the suspect in custody. I can disclose an altercation that took place, and ultimately the wife was lodged for the incident. It was an isolated incident with no danger to the public," said Van Buren County Sheriff's Daniel Abbott.

Uniform Response assisted in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle/felonious assault with South Haven Police Department. A Sheriff's deputy was in the area when it started and was able to set up stop sticks as the vehicle was approaching. "Right after hitting the sticks, the suspect driver's evasive reaction caused him to lose control, hence crashing in a ditch. It should be noted that when tires run over stop sticks, it deflates them steadily and doesn't blow out a tire and allows the driver to stop prior to the tire going flat," said Sheriff Abbott.

"I would like to thank everyone who participated this past week in the free adoptions at the shelter. I am pleased to announce every available dog was adopted but one. I believe that dogs are going to be adopted right after I send out this update. To go further, we always appreciate the citizens adopting animals out of the shelter," said Sheriff Abbott.

"Our office participated over the last few weeks at numerous schools for Career Day. These are always great events and interactions with the kids to enlighten them on what we do and what a great career it can be," said Sheriff Abbott.

"Uniform Response and a member of our Drone Team assisted Michigan State Police (MSP) with a fatal traffic crash involving a motor vehicle versus horse and buggy. I'd ask that you keep the family and Amish community in your prayers as they deal with this tragedy," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response took two different assault calls in the City of Hartford. "After the investigations were completed, the reports were sent to the Van Buren County Prosecutor's Office for review for charges," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a reckless shooting complaint in Lawrence Township. After the initial investigation, a search warrant was obtained for the residence as the subject from Illinois shooting could not be in possession of firearms. After executing the search warrant, three AR rifles, four handguns, and ammunition were seized. The report was sent to the Van Buren County Prosecutor's Office for charges.

Uniform Response handled a PI (personal injury) crash (personal injury) in Antwerp Township. "The investigation found that one of the vehicles crossed the centerline striking the oncoming vehicle head on. The atfault driver was transported to the hospital for her injuries," said Sheriff Abbott.

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Commissioners approve contract renewal with WMed for medical examiner services

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PAW PAW - Commissioners approved a request to approve a four-year contract renewal with the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) for medical examiner services from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2029. The contract renewal continues an agreement originally entered into in 2017, which transferred medical examiner duties from the Sheriff's Office to WMed, a move that has improved services to the public at a lower cost to the county. The Sheriff's Office supported the renewal of this contract due to its demonstrated improvements in service delivery and cost savings.

The fixed costs for the first year of the contract will be $90,290, reflecting a three percent increase from the previous year, covering expenses such as the administration fee, medical examiner investigators, and MDILog. The autopsy costs will be $2,840 per autopsy in the first year, also reflecting a three percent increase from the previous year, with a three percent annual escalator clause applied to both fixed and autopsy costs in subsequent years.

Commissioners approved the submission of a letter of support for MEC's BEAD application.

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program is designed to ensure that every home, business, and community anchor institution in Michigan will have access to high-speed internet by awarding grants to build infrastructure in underserved locations.

MEC's successful application for BEAD funding will address gaps in broadband coverage created by the Mercury default of RDOF funds, filling a critical need in Van Buren County. This opportunity is a continuation of the county's successful partnership with MEC in broadband development, utilizing local funding, State participation, and programs such as RDOF and ROBIN to expand high-speed internet access. The establishment of a county-wide high-speed broadband system enhances the health, safety, and well-being of Van Buren County residents, guests, and the business community.

Commissioners said MEC is uniquely positioned to serve the county's rural residents and businesses due to its local roots, Michigan-based workforce, reinvestment of profits within Michigan, and extensive experience serving unserved and underserved rural communities. They also said MEC's fiber-to-the-home service offers the fastest and most reliable internet connection available today, with a system designed to accommodate future growth, ensuring new developments can be easily integrated into the broadband network.

Commissioners approved a request for the reappointment of three current Van Buren Community Mental Health Authority (VBCMHA) Board members: Thomas Coles, Christopher Tapper, and Mike Toth, for a three-year term to expire March 31, 2028.

The VBCMHA Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing mental health services in Van Buren County, ensuring they are delivered efficiently and in compliance with state and federal regulations. The VBCMHA Board is composed of community representatives, including primary and secondary consumers of mental health services, ensuring diverse perspectives and community involvement. Commissioners said the reappointment of these individuals will help maintain leadership continuity and organizational stability, supporting the continued delivery of quality mental health services to Van Buren County residents.

Commissioners approved the re-appointments to the Van Buren County Land Preservation Board with terms as listed. The following individuals were recommended for re-appointment with the corresponding term lengths to restore staggered terms:

- David DiStefano – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026 – Board of Commissioners
- Emilly Hickmott – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028 – Conservation District
- Julie Pioch – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028 – Environmentalist
- Chris Rickli – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028 – Farmer
- Carl Druskovich – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028 – Farmer
- Scott Cedarquist – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028 – County Planning Commission
- Dave Foerster – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2027 – Landowner
- Michael Matheny – May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2027 – Elected Official.

There are currently two vacant positions on the board to be filled in for the following roles:

- Elected Official Representative – Term to expire April 30, 2027
- Realtor/Land Developer Representative – Term to expire April 30, 2027.

The the Van Buren County Land Preservation Board was established under the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance (Ordinance 2), requiring members to be appointed by the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners and to represent specific stakeholder groups, including farmers, landowners, environmentalists, conservationists, planning officials, and elected officials. The staggered terms are required to ensure continuity, but recent appointments resulted in all terms expiring in 2024, necessitating adjustments.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has established the Materials Management Planning Grant Program under Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, to support counties in the development, implementation, and maintenance of Materials Management Plans (MMPs). Van Buren County is eligible to receive funding under this grant program for administrative costs related to preparing, implementing, and maintaining a Materials Management Plan, including but not limited to public participation, facility evaluations, data collection, recycling education and outreach, and plan implementation. The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) has agreed to coordinate the grant application process for Van Buren County in collaboration with other participating counties in the Southwest Michigan region. Grant funds will cover 100 percent of eligible costs for activities incurred on or after Oct. 1, 2024, and will be awarded on a reimbursement basis, up to the grant cap determined by EGLE.

Commissioners said there is uncertainty regarding the ability to roll over unused grant funds beyond the first year; therefore Van Buren County intends to structure the first-year work period from Oct. 1, 2024, to March 31, 2026, to ensure maximum utilization of funds. The SWMPC, with the assistance of the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee, will be contracted to produce the Materials Management Plan for the region, ensuring compliance with EGLE requirements and consistency across participating counties.

Van Buren County acknowledges that the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee, composed of representatives from participating counties, will oversee key decisions, including procurement and consultant selection, to ensure regional consistency and compliance with EGLE requirements.

Commissioners recognize the importance of adopting this resolution to facilitate the timely submission of the grant application while allowing for conditional approval pending the final review and approval by the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee on March 17, 2025.

- Commissioners approved the submission of a Materials Management Planning Grant application to EGLE, to be coordinated by SWMPC on behalf of the county.
- The county agrees to comply with the requirements of the grant program, including the timeline for eligible expenses, budget submission, and procurement processes as outlined in the grant guidance.
- The county understands that this authorization is contingent upon final approval by the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee on March 17, 2025, and shall be subject to any modifications required by the committee.
- The chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and/or the county administrator is authorized to execute any necessary agreements or documentation related to the grant application and administration, pending final approval.

Commissioners approved a $20,000 contract with the Van Buren Conservation District for grant administration and community outreach efforts. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has called for counties to begin the Materials Management Planning (MMP) process to increase waste diversion and assess materials management efforts. Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties have designated the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission as the Designated Planning Agency (DPA) to coordinate the MMP process. Since 2012, the Van Buren Conservation District has partnered with the county to administer the Resource Recovery Program, providing education, outreach, and waste diversion initiatives. The Van Buren Conservation District will assist with grant reporting, plan implementation, and community outreach under the 2025 EGLE Materials Management Planning Grant. The proposed $20,000 contract will be fully funded through EGLE's 2025 Materials Management Planning Grant.

Commissioners approved a letter of support for the Van Buren Conservation District's application to the NextCycle Michigan Accelerator Track Program.

The Van Buren Conservation District (VBCD) has led recycling initiatives in Van Buren County since 2012, expanding recycling drop-off stations and supporting regional materials management planning. New state legislation (Part 115 Michigan) requires updates to recycling infrastructure, and the VBCD is seeking support through the NextCycle Michigan Accelerator Track Program to align local efforts with these changes. Participation in the program will provide technical assistance to refine recycling strategies, explore funding opportunities, and develop sustainable waste diversion solutions. If selected, the VBCD will work with industry experts to assess community-specific needs, improve recycling access, and explore food and yard waste management options.

Commissioners approved the request to use county parking lots for overflow parking during the Warner Vineyards Summer Concert Series. Patrick Warner of Warner Vineyards, Inc., requested the use of three paved, non-Sheriff parking lots in Paw Paw for overflow parking during their Summer Concert Series. The requested use is for Fridays and Saturdays from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., May through September. Commissioners said the Summer Concert Series provides significant economic benefits to local businesses by attracting visitors to area stores, restaurants, and other establishments.

Commissioners approved the Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce's request to use county property for Paw Paw Days 2025.

The Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce requested the use of Van Buren County property for Paw Paw Days 2025 on July 25-26. Paw Paw Days is an annual community event that supports local businesses, provides family-friendly entertainment, and generates economic and social benefits for the area.

The request includes use of the County Park, with electric and water services, from 4 p.m. on July 25 through 6 p.m. on July 26, as well as the County Administration parking lot from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m . on July 26. The Paw Paw Chamber has secured event insurance, agreed to restore the property to its original condition, and will indemnify and hold Van Buren County harmless for any liabilities arising from the event.

Commissioners approved the continuation of the voter-approved 911 Local Surcharge.

At the August 2024 primary election, Van Buren County voters approved the renewal of the current 911 Local Surcharge for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. The approved ballot language requires an annual review and resolution to continue collection of the 911 Local Surcharge.

This resolution continues the collection of the surcharge for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The 911 Local Surcharge provides approximately 85 percent of the revenue necessary to fund 911 services in Van Buren County, and reverting to the state default surcharge of $1.17 would result in a loss of approximately 60 percent of required funding.

Commissioners approved the proposal for the development of a shared Digital Information Department with St. Joseph County. Van Buren and St. Joseph counties are at similar stages in AI automation and development, making collaboration on a shared Digital Information Department a logical and beneficial step. This collaboration will maximize resources, enhance efficiency, and align with both counties' strategic goals as reviewed and approved by each county's AI Task Force, Steering Committee, and Administrators.

The plan includes revamping the Van Buren County website to improve AI communications, which will be done in-house to reduce costs by discontinuing CivicPlus services. These savings, along with a $30,000 contribution from St. Joseph County in the program's first year, will fund the creation of a Digital Communications Coordinator to manage the website, oversee internal and external communications, and assist county departments with public messaging.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF **BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the above-named jurisdiction who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency or on line at **www.Michigan.gov/Voterregistration.** Registration forms can be obtained at **www.Michigan.Gov/Vote** and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at **www.express.SOS.com**.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is **Monday, April 21, 2025.** After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the local clerk's office (address and hours listed below) Bloomingdale Township Municipal Building- 109 Kalamazoo St., Bloomingdale, MI 49026
Regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-2pm
Saturday May 3, 2025 hours: 9am - 5pm

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Bloomingdale district will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below.

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE PROPOSAL- Shall Bloomingdale Township impose a millage of 3.7329 mils ($3.7329 per $1000 of taxable value on real and personal property), subject to the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, for a period of four years, 2025 through 2028 inclusive, for the purpose of road maintenance, improvements, repair, and construction? It is estimated the revenue collected by Bloomingdale Township as a result of this proposal will be $489,525.58 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote-Sample ballots also available in local Clerks office.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations as defined by the American with Disabilities Act should contact the local clerk's office.

Melanie Kelly, Bloomingdale Township Clerk

2ND FRONT PAGE

Two vehicle crash results in serious injuries to one driver

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ANTWERP TWP. – A 51-year-old woman was seriously injured in a two-vehicle head-on crash Thursday afternoon, March 27, on Red Arrow Highway in Antwerp Township, according to a new release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott Sheriff Daniel E. Abbott said on March 27, at approximately 2:45 p.m., Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to East Red Arrow Highway, in front of Paw Paw High School, for a report of a two-car crash. Initial calls said that a female in one of the vehicles was unresponsive. Deputies, EMS (emergency medical services) and fire arrived on scene and located two vehicles with heavy front-end damage and a female who was trapped in her car and not alert. The Paw Paw Fire Department was able to safely extricate the female from her vehicle.

An on-scene investigation showed that the female was in a black sedan, headed eastbound on Red Arrow Highway. The second vehicle, occupied by two males, ages 18 and 16, had just left Paw Paw High School and was traveling westbound on Red Arrow Highway. A preliminary investigation reported that the black sedan crossed over the center-line and struck the second vehicle head-on. The collision caused both vehicles to spin around and face the opposite direction.

Red Arrow Highway was closed for approximately 1.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleaned up. The 51-year-old female was transported by Van Buren EMS to Bronson for treatment of serious injuries. The 16- and 18-year-old males in the other vehicle were treated at the scene by EMS and released.

The crash remains under investigation.

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Paw Paw and Mattawan police departments Van Buren EMS, Paw Paw Fire Department, Paw Paw Quick Response and Rob's Towing, Mattawan.

Lawton Village Council appoints new DDA member

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LAWTON – At the Lawton Village Council's March 25 meeting, council members approved the appointment of Heather Shannon to the Lawton Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Lawton Village Council President Josh Appleby brought a rental inspection ordinance draft to the floor for discussion. Attorney Dave Eberle, and Beth Middleton-Pompeii, of Zoning Solutions, reviewed the draft ordinance and draft rental property registration/ inspection, answered council and guest questions, and reviewed a timeline. The ordi-nance will be revisited by the village council at the council's second meeting in April.

At the Lawton Village Council's March 11, meeting, during Citizen's Comments, Ray Piecyk, owner of Big T restaurant, asked the village council about the lack of downtown parking, following the completion of the Main Street road project.

Piecyk said for over 100 years, there had been parking on Main Street, and wondered why parking in front of Big T was taken away with the road project. According to Piecyk, because of the center median, ambulances also cannot park in front of the restaurant with-out blocking the road. Piecyk said he is unsure what purpose the middle median serves, other than getting in the way. Piecyk said he would like to see the middle median gone.

Piecyk told the village council that he had spoken to MDOT, who suggested he bring the issue before the village council.

He also told the council that restaurant customers are complaining that they cannot get a parking spot in front, and said that they would no longer frequent the downtown restaurant. He told council members that he would like to see the parking restored in front of Big T as well.

Village Council President Appleby told Piecyk that he didn't know if that could happen, financially. Appleby was unsure what it would take to get that done, but the village council would look further into the issue.

Lawton Village Chief of Police Greg Cordes said the center median is new and many smaller communities are going to that in order to slow traffic, however, emergency vehicles are allowed to block the road for emergencies, including ambulances for health emergencies.

Heather Shannon, chairperson of Lawton Summerfest Committee, told the village council that Summerfest will be held this year on July 12. The Summerfest Committee asked permission from the village council to close Main Street from noon to midnight, with events taking place from 2 p.m. to midnight. She said there would be no car show this year, so festival hours would be shortened. A craft show will be held on Main Street, between Second and Third streets. Shannon said crafters may travel on Main Street to unload and then will be asked to move. Bounce houses would be placed in Reid's Corner, and food trucks would be in the parking lot, while the band would set up in its usual location on Main Street. Shannon said event funding is low this year due to not having a festival last year because of Main Street road construction.

In another area, Doug Lawrence, of Lawton Youth Softball and Baseball, said the league recently completed open gym sessions. Opening day is scheduled for April 26. Lawrence also said that 220 area youth have enrolled this year. He also told the village council that Lawton Youth Softball and Baseball is also corelating with Lawton Middle School and several other communities on a 14U program, which would extend the season.

Also, the village council approved a motion for the Lawton Downtown Development Plan.

The village council also approved a resolution for the Master Fee Schedule. discus-sion. Reviewing this yearly is a part of the RRC grant received by the village, and this update will include a notary fee for non-residents. It went into effect March 11.

The village council also approved the appointment of Sue Knudstrup to the Lawton Planning Commission. She will replace K. Hellman.

The council also accepted the resignation with regret of council member Nicole Smith. Village Council President Appleby as well as the rest of the council expressed their appreciation to Smith and how much she was able to bring to the village council during her time as a council member.

Village Council President Appleby said interested persons wishing to fill the unexpired term of Smith are encouraged to fill out an application that can be found on the village website. The vacancy is a two-year term since it is an appointment. It will then become a four-year term after that.

Lawton Village Manager Todd Hackenberg told the village council that Zoning Solutions had recently issued 16 citations. Hackenberg said a lot of the citations are small fixes.

Gold Star mothers to hold fundraiser walk

PAW PAW - The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. - Western Michigan Chapter, is cur-rently seeking help from Southwest Michigan communities to bring awareness of the tragedy of military and veteran suicide. The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. – Western Michi-gan Chapter will host the third Military Suicide Awareness Walk, Sunday, May 18. Registra-tion begins at noon with the walk beginning at 1 p.m. The walk starts and ends at Maple City Veterans Memorial Park, 510 E. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw.

This year's funds collected will go to the Woody Williams Foundation – Paw Paw Committee, in support of the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument to be built in Maple City Veterans Memorial Park. The monument will honor Gold Star families for their ongoing sacrifice and to honor Fallen Heroes, many of whom have been lost to suicide, according to a release.

Financial donations may be made payable to: "AGSM – Western Michigan Chapter" and mailed to: 23582 Laurel Glen Ave.,

Mattawan, MI, 49071. Please write Military Suicide Awareness on the memo line. Donations of $200 or more will be placed on a Sponsor Banner and posted in the park on event day. Donations are tax deductible.

Individuals may also donate new items for a Silent Auction. If items need to be picked up, contact Laura De Roo at (269) 365-8666 and leave a message.

Registration is $10 unless individuals collect sponsorships. Anyone with five or more sponsors will have their registration fee waved. Sponsorship Logs are available upon request to: deroolaura6@gmail.com. A short program will be held at the end of the walk, followed by a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and a Gift Card Wall.

Michigan's Traveling Memorial of Fallen Military will be on display along with the Biograph Notebooks with the stories of each Fallen Hero.

For more information on American Gold Star Mothers, visit: www.americangoldstarmothers.org

Hands Off! mass mobilization rally to be held in Paw Paw

As part of a nationwide Hands-Off! Indivisible event and statewide Indivisible Michigan, Indivisible Southwest Michigan (Van Buren County affiliate), will host a Hands-Off! rally in downtown Paw Paw, Saturday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Maple Lake Amphitheatre.

The event is open to the public.

"Donald Trump and Elon Musk think this country belongs to them. We are fighting back!

They're taking everything they can get their hands on -our health care, our data, our jobs, our services - and daring the world to stop them. This is a crisis, and the time to act is now," said Marie Botchie, co-chair of ISWM VBC.

"Alongside Americans across the country, we are marching, rallying, and protesting to demand a stop to the chaos and build an opposition movement against the looting of our country," Botchie said. "The rally will include speakers, music, and the opportunity to stand up and speak out about what is happening to our democracy."

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SPORTS

Bangor senior has productive season

Kliyana Osteen has completed three successful seasons of variety basketball at Bangor.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BANGOR — Kliyana Osteen has completed three successful season of variety basketball at Bangor. This was her best year of the three.

"The key was just getting the experience and knowing I'm a senior and this is my last year," Osteen said. "This year I played center a lot. Normally I play a forward."

Osteen stands at 5 feet 7 inches. She looks at rebounding as being a key role for her. She was effective in boxing out.

"I knew I had to consider myself as someone not to be messed with down low. After I realize they were all bigger than me, I could hold my own."

Osteen was able to score points from putbacks and post moves she let her teammates handle the outside shooting game for the most part.

Osteen felt she was effective defensively in thwarting the offense from scoring.

"It's harder to stop and make a knock when they are taller than you," she said.

Bangor had a 9-13 record for its best mark in recent seasons.

"It was the love we have for basketball," Osteen said. "We put effort into it than was done in previous years. We had better leadership, not just from seniors but also the underclassmen too. We put a lot off attention and care into basketball. A win over Decatur was a team highlight.

"We all put our best effort into it," Osteen said. "It was not just one person. We all equally did our part."

Basketball is her only sport.

"I like the competiveness," Osteen said.

Little has huge impact on Bangor basketball

Jaelynn Little played four seasons for Bangor basketball.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BANGOR — Bangor High had a strong senior athlete in Jaelynn Little this season who completed her fourth and final season on the basketball court.

Bangor had a 9-13 season and was 7-11 in the Southwest 10 Conference.

Little said she improved each season. She was a starter the last two seasons. She was a point guard and shooting guard.

Little said shooting was a strength. The 3-point shot "for sure" was her strength. "Practice and repetition," she said was the key for being an effective 3-point shooter.

Little shot 25 percent in 3-pointers. The most she had in one game was six against Decatur.

"Everything," was going right for her in that game," she said. "The crowd, the energy."

Her second-best shot was the free throw.

"Her shooting from the 3-point line and free-throw line improved dramatically this year," Bangor coach Bret Witkowski said.

To be good on defense, the key "was shuffle and moving quick," Little said.

It was the school's best record in 13 years for girls basketball.

"We did a lot off things like summer conditioning and camp and we all got along good," Little said.

A 39-33 home over Decatur was perhaps the highlight of the season for Little and her teammates.

She is also in track, cross country and softball.

Basketball is her No. 1 or 2 sport, along with track.

"Cross and track are more individual," she said. "In basketball, you work as a team."

Marshall reflected on strong wrestling season

Brody Marshall was sixth at the state finals this season.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

GOBLES — Brody Marshall had quite a sophomore wrestling season for Gobles and is not quite done yet.

Marshall is 72-27 with 46 pins and 10 technical falls on his career. He was sixth at the state finals this season at 190 pounds with a 56-9 record.

Marshall "is a tenacious wrestler," coach Erin Carlin said. "He's very tough. Capable of beating anyone with further development of strength and trust in the process. He did not compete at SAC due to injury."

The improvement Marshall made from a year ago was impressive.

"I would say the improvement was from working my tail off all summer," he said. "And traveling around to all the tournaments and getting mat time."

Marshall ended up getting third place at both districts and regionals.

At the state finals, "I knew the odds were stacked against me and I didn't get a great draw at the state finals. I didn't wrestle nearly as good as I thought I can. I think my realistic goals were to place third."

Compared to last year, "I was sure happy and saw all the work I did was pay off."

The most satisfying match, Marshall said, would have been at district team duals against an opponent, Malcolm Smith of Martin, he had been wrestling seven years.

"It had been four years since I had beaten him and I wound up pinning him in our team duals," Marshall said. "That was really exciting and a great moment for me this year."

Martin was state runners-up.

Pinning opponents was a strength for Marshall.

"I'm a very good pinner," he said. "I had he pin record on my team. Next year I believe I can talkwe it for my school. I've had the most pins we've had in a decade. I go out there and look for the fall. The record was in 2001.

"You have to be tenacious. I'm very technical and tenacious on the met. I believe I can break you."

Gobles is losing some key wrestlers to graduation but Marshall likes the tent that is returning.

Marshall also plays football and will be trying out for rugby this year.

He's a defensive end and tight end for football.

South Haven sweeps Berrien Springs

By John Raffel
Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — South Havens softball team won games handily on March 26 over Berrien Springs 14-0 and 15-0.

In the first game South had four runs in the first, six in the second one int he third and four in the fourth. South Haven had an 8-1 hits advantage and took advantage of three Berrien Springs errors.

For the Rams, Molly Verseput had two hits, two RBIs and a run scored. Madi Dotson had one hit and three RBIs, plus a run scored. Grace Strebeck had one hits, two RBIs and two runs scored. Addi Dekong had a hit, two walks and three runs scored. K. Chalupa had two hit, one RBI and two runs scored.

Verseput was the winning pitcher, going all five innings, allowing one hit, and one walk and striking out eight.

In the second game, South Haven had 11 hits and no errors. Berrien Springs had two hits and one error. The winners had 10 runs in the first, four in the second and one int he third.

Verseput had three hits including a double, three RBIs and two runs scored. Dekoning had two hits including a triple three RBIs and two runs scored. Chalupa had two hits and two RBIs. Dotson had two hits, one RBI and two runs scored.

Dekoning was the winning pitcher, allowing no ransom two his and striking out four.

Mattawan track athletes at GV

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Matttawan track athletes competed recently in Grand Valley State Laker Challenge indoor track and field meet.

For the boys the 4x300 relay team of William Seiser, Connor O'Rourke, Jack Nicey and Benjamin VanLoo was 13th in 2:36.42. Also 13th was the 4x600 relay of Connor Wessels, Braeden Gildea, Caleb Elwell and Owen Fisher in 6:16.99.

For the Mattawan girls, Ashley Smith was 41st in the 400 meters in 1:09.79. Kate Barron was 30th in the 800 meters in 2:39.16. Savanna Field was 33rd in the 60-meter hurdles in 11.39 seconds. Teagan Kimble was 15th in the high jump at 4-8.

Mattawan is at St. Joseph on Wednesday.

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SPORTS

Mattawan set for another strong baseball season

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Mattawan baseball coach Brett.Vaughn says "we're looking forward to a great year in west Michigan baseball."

Mattawan competes in the SWAC. The squad was 27-8 last season. Looking at 2024 graduates, "Brendan Garza and Connor Walsh are our two big losses this year," Vaughn said. "Brendan led us on the mound going 7-2 with a 1.7 ERA. He also batted .438 for the season. Connor had a .462 average and was an selected to the All State Dream Team."

Top prospects are expected to be:

•Brody Houseman- outfielder, batted .264 last season, "but I look for him to have a great senior season, and will bat in the middle of the lineup."

•Troy Scarff- shortstop, "batted .244 last season playing 3rd base most of the season. I look for him to have a great senior season as well."•Tyson Stratton- catcher, batted .318 as a junior last year. "He is committed to play college baseball at Earlham University," Vaughn said.

•Nolan Jominy- Junior second basemen, batted .277 as a sophomore on varsity. "He's looking to have a great junior season," Vaughn said.

Kaden Jominy- Pitcher, "looking to return to the success he had a freshmen,"Vaughn said. "He sat out most of his sophomore season, but had a couple outings towards the end of the season. Healthy and getting back to work now."

•Liam Walsh- outfielder and pitcher, "looks to continue on the success he had on the mound last season as a sophomore," Vaughn said. "He had a .368 era on varsity last season."

The expectations are high for the season.

"We expect to be competitive for our league championship as well as see success in the MHSAA tournament," Vaughn said. "We are strong on the mound returning a lot of arms from last year, and have some real depth. Our defense looks to also help carry us to a strong season.

"We continue to working on plate presence and discipline as we get into this year's campaign."

In the league, Vaughn said Portage Northern and Portage Central should be strong, but our league is pretty strong from top to bottom. It definitely is good preparations for the postseason."

Lawton golfers set to go

By John Raffel
Correspondent

LAWTON — The Lawton Blue Devils and coach Barry Shanley expect to have another fun season.

"In 2024 Lawton was very young and inexperienced," Shanley said. "Our first few 9-hole scores as a team averaged 230. But by the end of the reason we were 7th out of 14 in the conference and 8th out of 21 in the Regional. All this without our top player until the Regional. Nolan Collins missed the whole season, except the Regional because of a football injury.

"We have been lucky to send players to college golf in the last several years. Connor Triemstra, who played only two seasons of high school golf and who graduated last season, is one of them. We also have Zach Lull at Olivet University."

There is excellent talent on this year's team.

"Seniors Kaedon Miller and Maddie Winkel are already being recruited," Shanley said. "Joining us for the first time is senior Mason Mayne who is playing football in the Big 10 at Northwestern. A superior athlete who is a good golfer also. Mateo Oertel, another senior will help us. Juniors Levi Brooks, last year's No. 1-ranked team player and junior short game guru Brody Camp will help. And junior Ben Kucinich has really come on.

"We have two other promising juniors in Madelynn Yakim and Hyden Markel. Then we have three very promising freshmen, led by Jack Woodward, and Kort Koster and Noah Mallory. I am especially excited about the 10 eighth graders on our middle school team."

In the conference "with Kalamazoo Christian, Hacket Prep and Schoolcraft it is the toughest conference to crack. Those schools have so many country club players, which is so nice for them individually and as a team.

"The future of Lawton Golf is promising if the players continue their passion

Seniors: Kaedon Miller and Maddie Winkel - Captains; Mason Mayne, Mateo Oertel.

Juniors: Levi Brooks, Brody Camp, Ben Kucinich, Hyden Markle, and Madelynn Yakim.

Freshmen: Jack Woodward, Kort Koster, Noah Malloru

Lawrence track team enjoys depth

By John Raffel
Correspondent

LAWRENCE — Lawrence track coach Tony DeVauld like his season a year ago and is also excited with prospects for this year.

Lawrence competes in the Southwest 10 Conference

"Our track team had a fantastic season, highlighted by several athletes earning conference and regional honors," DeVauld said. "At the conference meet, Colleen McCaw, Hailey Camp, Carolina Mancera, and Leslie Reed earned 2nd Team All-Conference in the 4x200m relay, while honorable mentions went to Gabe Zapata (3200m run), Leslie Reed (100m dash), Colleen McCaw, Hailey Camp, Leslie Reed, and Kaylin Leyva (4x100m relay), and Carolina Mancera (discus). At regionals, Carolina Mancera placed second in discus, qualifying for the state meet for the first time.

"We have a talented group of athletes who will play a crucial role in our team's success this season. Colleen McCaw, Leslie Reed, Hailey Camp, and Kaylin Leyva will lead both the 4x100m and 4x200m relays, building on their previous success. Gabe Zapata (1600m, 3200m) and Stephen Pavelek (800m) will be crucial in the distance events. Hailey Camp will be a standout in the long jump and sprint events, while Leslie Reed and Kaylin Leyva will bring speed to the 100m dash."

DeVauld added that in the 200m dash, "Colleen McCaw will be key a competitor. Carolina Mancera (discus, shot put) and Dillon Simpson (high jump, discus) are set to make a major impact in the field events. We have high expectations for this group and anticipate strong regional performances, with several athletes aiming to qualify for the state meet.

"This season, we're focusing on filling more events to give our team the best chance to compete and score points across the board. With a solid group of returning athletes and some new talent, we're looking to be more competitive and pick up more wins as a team. Our team's biggest strength will be our consistency and hard work. We have a group of athletes who show up every day ready to put in the effort, push each other, and improve. That dedication will be key to our success throughout the season."

DeVauld said one thing his team needs to work on is "building more depth across all events, especially since we have a smaller team. While we have some strong athletes, filling more events and increasing our overall participation will be key to being more competitive.

"Our conference is very strong, with Centreville having an especially competitive team. Since our conference is a Division 3 conference and we are a Division 4 school, we know we'll be up against some tough competition. However, we're excited and ready to heavily compete this year. I'm anticipating strong competition from our opponents this season, as our conference is filled with talented teams and high-level athletes. Despite the challenge, we're excited to test ourselves and prove that we can compete at a strong level throughout the season."

Mattawan golfers remain optimistic

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN— Jonathan Hop is coaching a Mattawan boys golf team which is looking forward to potentially another outstanding season overall and in the SWAC.

Last year, " Our JV team took second in both of the invitationals and were just 1 stroke behind in the Battle Creek Invitational," Hop said. "Our nine-hole team average this year was 162.3, good for third place in the conference. This was a four shot improvement over last year's team average of 166.3 and nearly eight[shot improvement two years ago 170.

"Our 18-hole team average this year was 322.5, also good for third place in the conference. This was 3.8 shots per 18 better than last year's team average of 326.3 and 8.5 shots per 18 better than two years ago…… and both of the proceeding year's team qualified for the state tournament with those averages. So you can see despite the team not qualifying for state this season, there was tremendous improvement.

"In the home stretch of the season, the team shot under 320 - 6 different times….once again displaying improvement as the season progressed. This included beating the eventual Regional Champions PC in 18 hole matches twice down the stretch of the season. We had two players (Matt Novak & Brian (Graver) qualify to play in the state tournament, and for both of them this was three years in a row. Most high school players rarely get a chance to play in one state tournament, so to play in three in a row is unheard of.

"Bottom line, we competed, and we got better every single week. As coaches of this team, we are very proud of how we progressed and improved as the season went on."

Eason Haller is a senior.

"Eason had an 18 hole average of 85.3 and was the model of consistency," Hop said. "He was a three year varsity starter. 15 times in his varsity career Eason shot between 80 and 85. When Eason got hot, he could put together strings of amazing holes like he did this year at Stonehedge North where he was under par for quite some time.

"Eason is moving on to play Division soccer next year, so we were so excited when Eason decided to play golf this year and appreciated his contributions over the past three years.His model of consistency is an example for the younger players and he will be missed next year."

Brian Graver "had a career best 18 hole average of 80.8 this year," Hop said. "Last year his average was 85.2 and this exemplifies what Brian was all about – constant improvement. His work ethic was incredible and an amazing example for the underclassmen. Brian NEVER gave up on a hole or a round and embodied the true example of team. Several times in Brian's career he came up big with the deciding score to help move the program to the next level. His sophomore and junior year performances at Regionals.

"This year, Brian shot his best round of his career in Regionals that epitomized the type of player he is. He drained two gritty 10-foot putts on his last two holes to shoot 76 and grant him an individual entry to the State finals. Even right to the end, he was still playing for the team hoping that we would all get to make the trip to

States. The legacy that Brian leaves for this program is his grittiness for his teammates. He never gave into throwing clubs, swearing, or any unsportsmanlike conduct. He is a class act that made the program better simply by him being here."

Matt Novak "has been the undisputed leader of this program for the past three years," Hop said. "He led by example, he taught others, at times he carried the team on his back, he willed us to be better. He pushed everyone to get better and as a result, we improved each year he was on the team. Matt had a career best 18 hole average of 72.7 last year. This is 1.4 strokes better than 74.1 from last year and nearly three strokes better than his sophomore year of 75.6.

"Some highlights for Matt this year included a first place finish of 4 under par 68 at Bedford Valley against some of the best talent in the state. He also finished 3rd in the state overall with a 1 under par 73-70 two day total. Matt was unique to the program because he seemed to thrive under pressure. Time and time again, he came through when we needed him to. He seemed to relish the moment, and wanted to win every time he teed it up.

He was relentless with his practice routines and challenged others to do the same.

A player like Matt only comes around once in a while and cannot be replaced with one player. Matt will leave a legacy of a champions heart, one who is unafraid of the moment and willing to step up with courage. His leadership may have to be replaced by an entire team next year and the underclassmen should feel fortunate to have been able to practice alongside of him this year. Matt will be missed and we wish him well with his collegiate golf career at the University of Denver

Key golfers for this year include:

Luke Roberts – "One of two freshman (in 2024) who exclusively played on the varsity this year," Hop said. "He played played in 11 matches/Tremendous talent with even more potential. Fluid golf swing. Analytical in his approach and impressive poise on the course for a freshman. Had an impressive stretch in the middle of the season where he shot 80-80-79. The 79 was on the difficult Bedford Valley against some of the state's top talent.

"Luke earned his varsity letter this year and will be a critically important component for next year's team getting back to the state tournament."

Griffin McClish "Played in 11 varsity matches this year." Hop said. "Great golf swing/ Confident in his ability to go low and unafraid to do so/ Had a great late season run where he shot 74-76-79. Griffin always wanted to go practice after rounds and he is completely committed to getting better."

Bryson Ku 'played in 7 matches for the team last year and earns his varsity golf letter." Hop said. "Bryson had a 9 hole average of 44.7, and an 18 hole average of 88.5. He is extremely coachable, great attitude, great teammate. Great tempo on his golf swing

"He is a very hard worker, always trying to improve his game. Very poised on the golf course, tremendous course management skills."

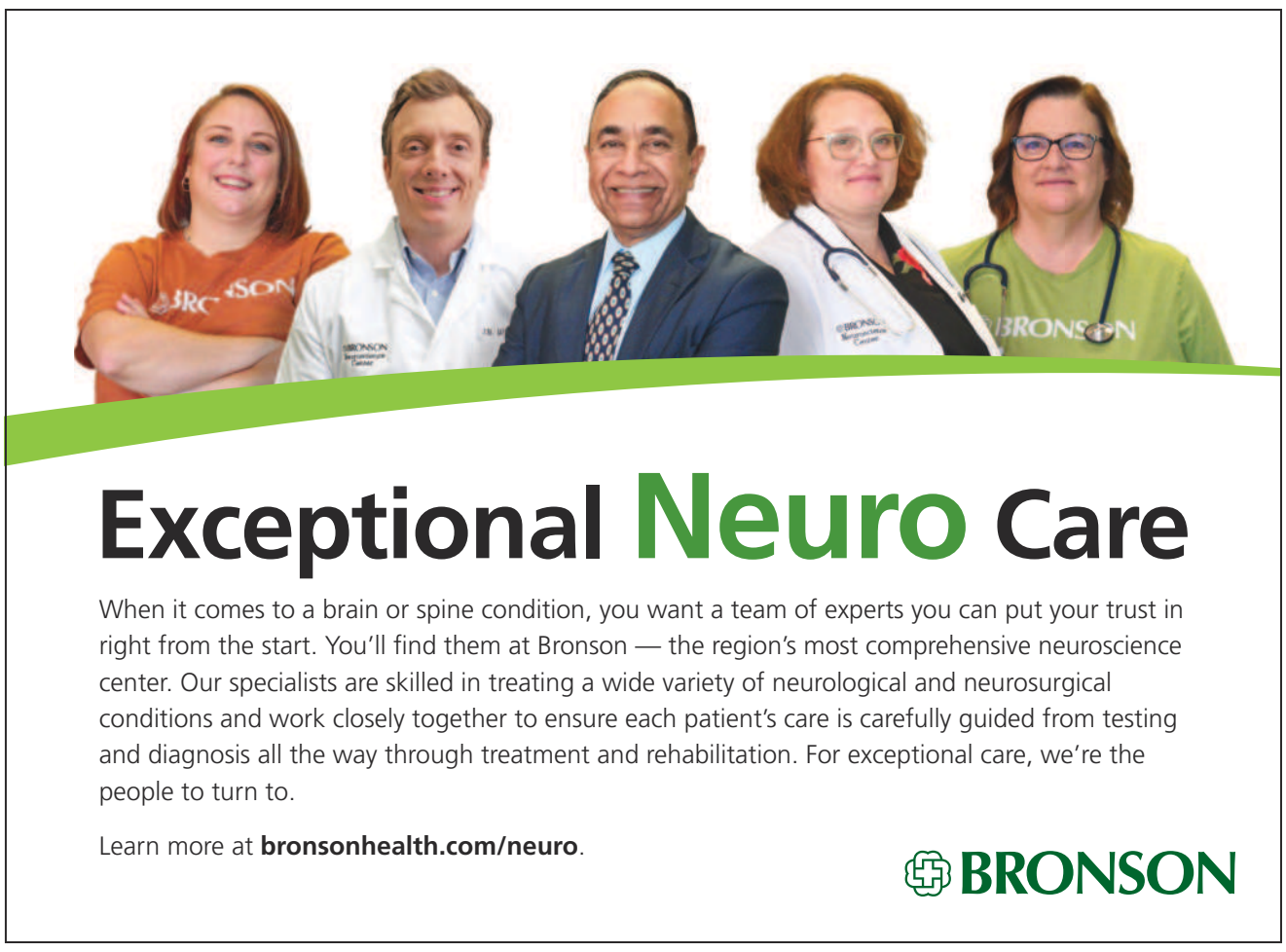
"Boston Bilek "Boston played in eight matches for the team this year and earns his varsity golf letter. Very hard worker. Creative around the greens and constantly. found new ways of making pars. Great attitude and terrific teammate/ Calm and cool on the course – keeps his emotions in check. Boston had a great run at the end of the season where he shot back to back 81's at difficult courses. His grittiness around the greens will be very importaant. "

Expectations are high.

"I feel very confident in the ability of our golf team," Hop Several of them have experience in varsity events, and have played in junior tournaments in the offseason. Our potential should qualify for state as a team. Also, we have a good chance to have multiple golfers qualify individually. Our teams strength this season will be two-fold. Our experience and consistent talent level from top to bottom. There is not much drop off. Both of these qualities should help us be consistently competitive and successful. Also, each of our varsity players are committed to working on their game. I believe this industriousness will payoff in competition.

"We need to work on the mental aspects of golf and competition in general. Beat the course, not themselves. Also, they need to develop their ability to manage the course and take the best shot available (not play "hero golf").

Hop added: The SMAC is a strong golf conference. Our biggest competition will be Portage Central/ I am a first year head coach and am very honored and blessed to have the opportunity to lead this team of young men. I look forward to sharing in all their successes and navigating them through the inevitable ups and downs that come with the game of golf. I am excited for the season."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VIEWPOINT

Nuclear energy is back

MIKE'S MUSINGS

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With all the talk about solar and windmill energy and how they will power our country in the future, we hear very little about nuclear plants that are being recommissioned.

Nuclear power is considered by many to be the most efficient, and cleanest form of energy. In the early 2000's however, after the catastrophic Three Mile Island incident, and Chernobyl earlier, and the Japanese nuclear power plant meltdown in 2011, nuclear was considered unsafe.

However, that mindset has changed among experts and recommissioning even Three Mile Island is expected to happen. Right here in our backyard the first recommissioned nuclear facility is preparing for an October re-opening.

Palisades in Covert (Van Buren County) now owned by Holtec Inc, has nearly 600 employees and another 400 contractors onsite preparing the nuclear power plant for action. Holtec purchased Palisades in 2022 and originally was set to dismantle the plant, but after receiving a $1.52 billion loan from the Biden administration, is now doing the opposite.

Holtec will also receive an additional $150 million from the State of Michigan. Governor Whitmer in package of bills signed by her in November 2023 created a goal for Michigan to reach 100% carbon neutrality standards by 2040, a plan that moved up the deadline from 2050. Kara Cook, Michigan's chief climate and energy strategist, said nuclear power is an important piece of the puzzle in reaching that goal.

"Nuclear is a really important component of us being able to meet that 100% clean energy standard by 2040," Cook said. "It's not going to be the only component, right? We need a diverse portfolio of clean energy resources in Michigan to make sure that we're balancing the clean energy goals along with reliability and affordability."

The plant will generate 800 megawatts of baseload power, all carbon free, enough to meet the electricity needs of roughly 800,000 homes, and create over 1,000 new jobs during refueling and maintenance. The plant's advanced age means it will require extensive upgrades to meet modern safety standards. Those upgrades are being instituted as we speak.

Midwestern power companies, Michigan-based Wolverine and Indiana-based Hoosier Energy, agreed to purchase all of the generated energy from Holtec. In September, Wolverine received a federal grant to receive 435 megawatts of energy from Palisades. I'm curious as to why Consumers Energy isn't involved.

I'm not sure this area has seen a bigger project in the last ten years. One-thousand new jobs is terrific for a stifled economy, and to imagine this plant can service almost a million homes is breathtaking.

Expect this to be a model for other long forgotten, decommissioned nuclear power plants. Nuclear is the best source of clean energy for the U.S. Sure wind turbines and acres of solar panels can provide energy as well, but not to the extent of nuclear power plants.

I sincerely hope Palisades meets its October start-up and is wildly successful. It will go along way towards helping the U.S. meet its increased energy needs. Just as important it will provide a thousand new jobs to our area economy.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

President Trump has announced he plans to somehow annex or take over Canada and make it into our 51st state.

I am not certain of the finer details of his aspiration and question if he has any real plans. Besides, we tried taking over Canada twice before and got our tail feather singed.

I have a penchant for counter-factuals, where things are reversed. For example, what would have been the outcome of the American Revolution if Lord Cornwallis won the Battle of Yorktown? What would have happened if Lee had been victorious at Gettysburg? You get the general idea. We ask those questions on almost any subject.

In this case, what if instead of co-opting Canada we asked if we could become part of their country?

For one thing, we'd get the Windsor Family, starting with Charles and Camilla as the king and queen. Remember, we already have Charles' No. 2 son living here, so that would save on moving expenses if he was named the governor. Even better, we get a two-for-one deal because Meghan and Harry seem to be joined at the hip.

The U.S. already shares hockey, baseball and basketball leagues with Canada, but we have different football rules so that might need ironing out.

We could make a deal with our northern neighbors to expand their curling leagues. You know, that shuffleboard-like game on ice, only with granite rocks imported from Scotland, brooms and crowds that will break out with the shout of "Sweep!"

Curling can be played by old geezers and geezerettes, some of whom have had a few too many cans of Molson or Moosehead. It is a peaceful game and I've never seen a brawl break out.

Slightly less peaceful, we would get more lacrosse than ever before. And we can watch lawn hockey. Now that looks like a nice sport but the players, especially on women's teams, really go at each other with their sticks and sharp elbows.

If we are allowed to become the newest province of Canada we'll get some interesting additions to our menu. The first will be the national dish, poutine. It's a side of French fries and cheese curds covered in a brown gravy.

The nice thing about poutine is that the fries can be stale or soggy, and they still taste the same. I wouldn't encourage you to eat it cold or even room temperature. Nor do you want to try poutine ala mode for dessert.

From Newfoundland, we would be able to eat our fill of cod's tongue and cheek. It is exactly as bad as it looks and sounds. If you have trouble summoning up the courage to sample it, a shot or two of Newfie Screech will make you far less inhibited.

Try the fish, and don't forget your veggies by tucking into a big bowl of dulce. It's seaweed, but calling it dulce seems nicer — just as we no longer speak of Chilean Bone Fish but call it tilapia. After you finish your meal, another bump of screech might be a good idea.

From Alberta we would get a new delicacy —smoked moose tongue. It tastes pretty good, sort of like tough beef, but fair warning because it can cause a little gastric interruption of the loud and odoriferous variety. Teenage boys love it, not so much for the taste as the after-effects, especially around adults in a closed room. The less sophisticated fellows think it is a great way to get the attention of young women.

Instead of FBI agents in black suits, white shirts and black ties, the Canadians up the style. They get to wear Smokey the Bear hats and red coats on important occasions, do a lot of horseback riding and they love to sing. Maybe you've seen or heard the "Lumberjack Song." You'll never meet a nicer bunch of gendarmes that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Lumberjacks there even have their own theme song, "The Log Driver's Waltz." It's a catchy tune and you can learn the words to it on social media. Once you get that song down pat, you can move along to "God Save the King," "Oh Canada" and for extra credit "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Canadian politics are lively. Whereas we use the congressional system, they have a parliament where elected members sit on long benches on opposite sides of a big room. There is considerable real estate between them, just in case things get a too heated. They debate back and forth, sometimes hurl dandy insults, then at day's end go off to their dining room for a few bumps of Newfie Screech.

One nice thing is that they have a maximum of five years between elections, but it is variable. If they elect a real dunce as prime minister, Canadians can show them the door through a vote of no confidence.

Joe Clark from Alberta rose all the way up from Minister for Fisheries to PM, but he only lasted about nine months. Kim Campbell takes the record for the shortest tenure: from June until November 1983, when she was given the Royal Order of the Boot out of office. The Honourable Members then made her their nation's first ambassador to Disneyland.

It gets even better. The prime minister gets to call for an election at any time during his or her five years in office. There is none of this perpetual campaigning business that goes on for years in this country.

Six weeks after the announcement, the vote is held and the winter becomes PM the next morning. And they have a spending limit, which would handle our campaign financing crisis too.

The one problem with petitioning to become part of Canada is that nation has this ethos of "Good." "Canada the Good" they sometimes call it. They try to be a good neighbor to the rest of the world, good neighbors to each other and good citizens who look after people, the environment and business.

If they are going to let us in, we'll have to promise to be on our best behavior, polite, use good manners, say please and thank you, and that sort of thing.

They have been so successful at it that most citizens realize guns aren't necessary to resolve things. It happens but rarely.

Right now, when our President talks of taking over the Great White North, they aren't arming their militias; everyone is practicing a hockey maneuver used when checking an opponent against the boards: sharp elbows. If you hear the phrase "Elbows Up," look out.

I hope it warms up soon, because maybe our President and their Prime Minister can meet somewhere on the border, have their aides open up a card table, chairs and nice cloth. We'll bring hush puppies and grits while they bring some poutine and Timmy's (Tim Horton donuts).

Maybe we'll forget this idea of taking over another country and just agree the best thing for the world is for all of us to be good neighbors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hopefully Trump's education changes will produce better results

Dear Editor:

The article published in the March 27th edition of the Beacon contains misleading information. As a retired high school teacher and two-time National Board-Certified educator in grades 6-12, I have firsthand experience with the challenges of teaching. My tenure was at a public high school where 70% of the students spoke a language other than English at home. I hold teachers in the highest regard for their hard work and dedication.

The story in the Beacon was flawed and likely caused unnecessary concern among teachers, parents and students in the South Haven School District regarding the potential impact of changes to the Federal Department of Education. President Trump, in his speech on March 26, 2025, detailed his Executive Order to close and reorganize the Department of Education, clearly stating that funding for essential programs such as Pell grants, Title One Funding, and resources for children with special needs will be preserved and redistributed to the States.

Michigan's School-Level Expenditure Report Builder indicates that South Haven High School spends $15,387.11 per pupil, of which $563.48 is from federal funds. Thus, $14,823.63 will still be allocated to student education even if federal contributions are not replaced, which is unlikely.

Rather than the National Education Association organizing disruptive activities, efforts should focus on addressing the issue of underperforming students. The MI School Report Builder reveals concerning statistics about South Haven High School, only 25.3% of students meet the MI benchmark in Mathematics, 30.8% in Science, 20.6% in Social Studies, and a mere 7.6% of 11th-grade students meet the SAT benchmark. This indicates that fewer than 10% of students are prepared for college. Since the Department of Education inception, the government has spent in excess of $437 billion dollars trying to educate our children and they have failed.

I agree with the Michigan Education Association which is quoted in the article saying that "Every student in our State regardless of where they live or how much money their family makes deserves a great education that can prepare them for jobs of the future." This starts with admitting that Federal funding of education has done nothing to prepare our students for life as adults.

As often attributed to Albert Einstein, insanity is defined as doing the same thing repeatedly while expecting different results. Whether or not Einstein actually said this, the sentiment holds true. Federal funding since 1980 has not advanced our children's educational achievements. It is imperative to take action, Michigan Education Association and National Education Association, what are your strategies to improve the educational outcomes for Michigan's children? To spend more money doing the same thing over and over?

Walter Glogowski
South Haven, Michigan

Congress must reign in Trump

Dear Editor:

Why is Donald Trump chaotically going about dismantling our entire governmental structure that has been evolving over time to "form a more perfect union?"

He hates us. We can psychologize about the failings of his upbringing and all the times his mother put him in the corner.

We can't rely on the Supreme Court to remember that we do not have a king. Congress has allowed a damaged person to damage us. Congress is failing us. We must choose a new Congress.

Lois Schwartz
South Haven

Nuclear energy too dangerous, wind and solar better

Dear Editor:

2050 is too late to address the climate crisis. NRC indicated 2025 is a too-demanding timeline. Nuclear is too dangerous, too expensive and too late to help the climate. How clean is the nuclear supply chain (mining, milling, enrichment, fabrication, transport, and high-level and low-level deadly waste that is radioactive for geologic for thousands of years? Why take the risks when wind, solar and efficiency are available now.

Ed McArdle

OBITUARY

Robert G. Gregory

Robert G. Gregory, 97, of Paw Paw, passed away peacefully Monday, March 24, 2025, at White Oaks Assisted Living, Lawton. He was born July 25, 1927, in Kalamazoo, the son of Joseph E. Gregory and Hazel (McGowan) Gregory.

Bob was a lifelong member of the Van Buren Youth Camp, and it was his pride and joy. He loved meeting all the new campers and participating in the fun camp activities. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts for over 20 years and served as a Troop Leader. Bob proudly served his country in the United States military. In his free time, Bob enjoyed sailing and spending time on the lake behind his house.

He is survived by his son, Steven Gregory; Jean Gregory, daughter, Sandy (Tom Docherty) Gregory; granddaughter, Jill (Terry) Foreman; great-grandson, Ethan Gregory, and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; first and second wives, Patricia (Allen) Gregory and Shirley (Follett) Gregory; son, Mark Allen Gregory; a brother, Joe (Jeri) Gregory; and his sister, Laura (Willard) Perigo.

Family and friends were invited to visit Monday, March 31, at Adams Funeral Home, 502 West Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, where funeral services were with Pastor Mark Roberts officiating. Interment followed at Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park South, Kalamazoo.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Van Buren Youth Camp or Centrica Care Navigators.

Share a memory or sign the online guestbook at: adam-spawpaw.com

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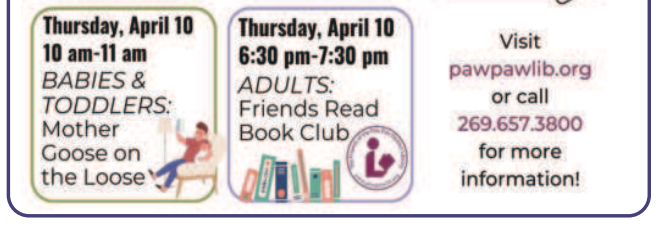

South Haven robotics team to compete in state championships

SOUT HAVEN - The South Haven High School Robotic Team (4855 - Ramageddon) competed at the Berrien Springs district event on March 15-16. The team won the FIRST Impact Award, which is the most prestigious award recognized at the competition. It honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of FIRST. It was created to keep the central focus of FIRST Robotics Competition on the goal of transforming the culture in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology, as well as encouraging more of today's youth to become science and technology leaders. As a result of this achievement, Ramageddon automatically qualified for the Michigan State Championships this week in Saginaw.

On the competition field the team's robot performed admirably, ranking eighth out of 35 teams at the Berrien Springs' event. Ramageddon formed an alliance with teams from Grandville and Stevensville, but was eliminated in the semi-final matches. The team is fine tuning their robot for their next competition, which took place March 29-30 in Kentwood. All FIRST Robotic events are free and open to the public.

Ramageddon is looking forward to the Michigan State Championships which will be held April 2-5 in Saginaw. The team will continue to showcase its robotic and outreach skills and share its passion for STEM.

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Southside Denny to perform in South Haven

By James Windell

Dennis Snyder got his reputation as a blues guitarist. As Southside Denny, he'll be performing on his acoustic guitar in a concert on Sunday, April, 6, 2025, at the First Congregational Church in South Haven.

Born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, after he discovered the blues, he also figured out that the guitarists he was listening to were trying to emulate the guitarists who were in his backyard in Chicago. As a teenager, he began listening to some of his blues idols in person.

It was one of those idols, the great blues guitarist Luther Allison, who took an interest in Snyder.

"He took me under his wing and I used to play with him a lot when I was a teenager," Snyder said in a recent phone interview from his home outside of Montreal. "That's what really did it for me at that point. Getting on the stage with him and other Chicago guys and feeling that whole thing. I told myself that 'This is what I really want to do.'"

However, he didn't even know he wanted to be a guitarist until he heard James Burton play on the radio.

"I was in the car one day with my parents and I heard on the radio the Elvis Presley version of the song 'Steamroller Blues.' I remember saying, 'Hey Mom and Dad, do you hear that song? I want to learn how to do that on the guitar just like that guy right now.' I didn't know at the time, but that guy was James Burton, who was Elvis' guitarist and an awesome blues player."

He says that things "Just took off from there," as he started to play the guitar while taking lessons. At the same time he was listening to recordings of various blues musicians.

In the interview, he recalled some of his fantastic experiences after he became a more accomplished guitarist. One of his biggest thrills included jamming with John Fogerty, one of the founding members of Creedence Clearwater Revival, sitting in with the Muddy Waters band, and playing with some of his heroes, like singer-songwriter Lonnie Mack and Chicago blues guitarist Buddy Guy. "Those guys were really inspiring, both musically and personally," Snyder says.

Once he did a 30-minute acoustic guitar set as the opening act before a Styx concert. "When I walked off the stage, the Styx guitarist put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'Opening up for a big band like us and opening up with an acoustic guitar on stage by yourself, that takes guts,'" Denny recalls. In retrospect, he agrees it did take guts.

But he has other great memories from his career. He's opened for a veritable who's who of blues, including Ray Charles, Albert Collins, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and Taj Mahal. He also shared the stage with many legendary rockers including The Beach Boys, Edgar Winter, BTO, and Three Dog Night.

There was another moment that sticks out in his mind. "I remember when I got to open for Stevie Ray Vaughan," he says. "That was an eye-opener. Opening for him was almost like a shock. How could anybody possibly be that good? Then I got to meet him downstairs after the show and he was such a humble and kind person, it just blew me away."

Southside Denny has performed at the International Festival du Jazz de Montréal, the International Festival du blues de Mont Tremblant, Riverfront Blues, Trois Rivières en Blues, and other venues.

When he performs in South Haven, he will present a solo acoustic guitar concert. "That's what I've been doing most of the time in the last few years," he says. "I enjoy the musical freedom of the acoustic guitar."

He says he will do a wide variety of songs. "I will be doing a few pieces from my acoustic albums in 2003 and 2006, but I'll be mixing it up with some of the songs from my most recent album called 'Heal It.'" Some of the songs on that recent album he wrote. He has been composing music for many years, and he explains that his composing was inspired by trying to play like other musicians.

"Way back in the 1980s I started writing music because I was never very good at copying other guitarists styles," he says. "I could play their songs, but I could never play their songs just like the way they would play them. After a while, I said, 'Why don't I write some words and call it my song?' So, that's what I started doing."

Whatever he writes and whatever he plays, he says it is still the same. "It is still largely the blues," he says. "As somebody said to me once, 'We can always hear the blues lurking around there in the background.' I guess I'll never shake that."

On Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 pm, you can experience Southside Denny's mastery of the Chicago blues in person at First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix St., in South Haven. Tickets are $20 at the door, general admission. For more information, call Diane & Lisa at (269) 637-3804 (opt. 5).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, MI PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN VAN BUREN COUNTY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the County Commissioners of the County of Van Buren, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 10th, 2025, at 1:50 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers within the County Building, 219 E. Paw Paw St., Paw Paw, Michigan.

The Public Hearing will be held to receive public comments on a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan proposed on vacant land in the Village of Paw Paw, Michigan between Hazen Street and Lake Street. The redevelopment of the property will include a new residential development consisting of two (2) 24-unit and one (1) 18-unit multifamily buildings, and fifty-two (52) single-family lots for residential homes, including associated site improvements. The parcel is identified as Parcel ID #80-47-581-033-03.

Van Buren County has established a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA). The Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The proposed brownfield redevelopment plan would allow the developer, DDO Paw Paw, LLC to be reimbursed for eligible costs incurred to prepare the property for redevelopment. Eligible costs include site demolition, site preparation activities, and infrastructure improvements for a housing development. DDO

Paw Paw, LLC is requesting to utilize tax increment financing to reimburse eligible expenses related to the developments. The proposed plan includes the potential capture of tax increment revenues, including taxes levied for school operating purposes, subject to approval by the Michigan Strategic Fund and/or the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, in accordance with the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has recommended approval of the brownfield redevelopment plan to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearing will provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and will allow the County Commission to receive and consider comments with reference to the brownfield redevelopment plan. All affected taxing jurisdictions and members of the public are encouraged to attend or submit written comments. The County Commission will consider the fiscal and economic impact of the plan, including the use of tax increment revenues, during the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, which includes a site map and legal descriptions of the parcel, is available for public inspection at the Community Services Department in the Van Buren County Administration Building, 219 E. Paw Paw St., Suite 201 Paw Paw, Michigan 49079- 1423 on any business day except public and legal holidays during normal business hours. All aspects of the plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of Van Buren County at (269) 657-8200 X 1073. THIS NOTICE is given by order of the County Board of the County of Van Buren, Michigan.

Susie Roehm, Clerk
County of Van Buren

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State of Michigan Judicial District 36th
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CASE: 25-074548-CZ
Court: 212 E. Paw Paw St., Paw Paw, MI 49079 • Phone: 269-657-8200

Plaintiff:
Third Party Plaintiffs
Brian W. Kelly & Kimberly Ann Kelly
280 39th St., Allegan, MI 49010
Plaintiff Attorney:
MINKA PLC by Imants M. Minka (P29211)
5987 West Main St., Ste 812, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
269-353-0100
iminka@minkalaw.com
V.
Defendant:
Third Party Defendants
Kimberly M. Christenson
25247 Elm Street
Calumet, MI 49913
and,
Walter Henry Clare, II
Address & Whereabouts unknown

TO: WALTER HENRY CLARE, II

IT IS ORDERED:
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to **Defend in a lawsuit to quiet title to land located at 00360 51 1/2 Street, Grand Junction, MI 49056.** You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before **April 14,2025 (04/14/2025)**. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in three consecutive weeks, **Courier Leader** for, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

March 12,2025
Judge Susan Metzger

State of Michigan
Van Buren County
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST
Re: Marie J. Woolum Trust, dated April 1,2003, as amended
Date of Birth April 199,1963
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marie J. Woolum, who lived at 27654 County Road 364, Mattawan, MI 4901, died on February 13,2025.
No probate estate is currently contemplated for the decedent. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against
the decedent and the Marie J. Woolum Trust, dated April 1, 2003, will be forever barred unless presented to:
Nathaniel K. Woolum, named Trustee of the Marie J. Woolum Trust, dated April 1, 2003, or to both the Attorney for the
Trustee, Davis C. Martin, and the Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 3,2025

Attorney:
Willis Law
Davis C. Martin P84717
491 W. South Street 27654, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 492-1040
Personal Representative:
Nathaniel K. Woolum
27654 County Road 364, Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 366-0059

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST
In the Matter of: Jack D. and Anne Glass Revocable Trust
TAKE NOTICE: The Jack D. and Anne Glass Revocable Trust ("The Trust") was established on November 25, 2003 . The Settlor, Anne Glass, lived at 22964-29th St., Gobles, MI 49055.
Anne Glass was born on 09/22/1928 and died on 01/27/2025.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Anne Glass, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against the Jack D. and Anne Glass Revocable Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: David Glass, Successor Trustee, of 29341 22nd Ave., Gobles, MI 49055, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 21, 2025

David F. Kiel (P 43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT VAN BUREN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
CASE NO. 2025-1018-DE • JUDGE Susan Metzger
ESTATE OF WILFORD NEAL BISHOP,
DATE OF BIRTH:* FEBRUARY 24, 1947
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Wilford Neal Bishop , died November 25, 2024
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Jamin A. Bishop** , personal representative, or to both the probate court at **212 E. Paw Paw Street, Ste. 220, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079** and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 26, 2025

Attorney:
VERSPOOR WAALKES
Timothy J. Waalkes P60302
40 Pearl Street NW, Ste. 1020, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 (616) 459-6100
Personal Representative:
Jamin A. Bishop
1816 Walnut Avenue, Dorr, Michigan 49323 (616) 218-4746

State of Michigan
Probate Court Van Buren County
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT VAN BUREN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
Case No. 2025-1049-DE
ESTATE OF THOMAS W. PETERSON, DECEASED
DATE OF BIRTH DECEMBER 29,1951
***NOTE TO PREPARER:** If a copy of this form is filed with the court, you must redact the date of birth from the copy being filed as required by court rule.
TO ALL CREDITORS:*"
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **Thomas W. Peterson, died 01/13/2025**
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to
Randay L. Peterson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 220 Paw Paw, MI 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03/25/2025

Attorney:
Andrew W. Barnes P70571
317 Center Street, South Haven, MI 49090
269-287-2010
Personal Representative:
Randy L. Peterson
511 Lyon Street, South Haven, MI 49090
269-330-4057

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT VAN BUREN COUNTY
Van Buren County Courthouse,
212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 220, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8225
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
File No. 2025 1048 DE
ESTATE OF RALPH R. BLACK, DECEASED
DATE OF BIRTH: DECEMBER 17, 1936
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ralph R. Black, who lived in Hartford Township Michigan, died January 25, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Ralph A. Black,** named personal representative, or to both the probate court
at Van Buren County Courthouse, 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 220, Paw Paw, MI 49079 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled toit.

Date: March 26, 2025

Ralph A. Black
84699 2 nd Street
Hartford, MI 49057
269-621-4011

JONATHAN B. SAUER, P19907
Sauer & Sauer, PLC
414 Main Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-0531

State of Michigan
Probate Court Van Buren County
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
ESTATE OF NATHAN ALLEN MENCK, DECEASED
Date of Birth: December 15,1982 (12/15/1982)
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **Nathan Allen Menck, died January 5,2025 (01/05/2025)**
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Jerry Menck,** personal representative, or to both the probate court at **212 E. Paw Paw Street #220, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079** and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 21,2025

Attorney:
Elizabeth Robinson #P84345
4341 S. Westnedge Avenue, Ste 1200, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
269-344-0700
Personal Representative
Jerry Menck
4912 West Unora Park Drive/ PO Box 730, Baldwin, MI 49304
269-370-0946

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: MICHAEL EDGELL; ATTY: SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. - SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, PC; 1ST PUB: 4/3/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25-000805-1; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - VAN BUREN COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on May 08, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Michael Edgell a/k/a Michael D. Edgell married to Stephanie Edgell, signing to release dower Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 21, 2023 Recorded on December 28, 2023, Liber 1760, on Page 531, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Eight and 12/100 Dollars ($208,168.12) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Van Buren County, and described as: Lot 44, Sunset Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 31 Commonly known as 25851 Pleasant Dr, Mattawan, MI 49071 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: CAROL A. HOSIER; ATTY: ANDREW BARNES - ANDREW BARNES; 1ST PUB: 4/3/2025; ATTY FILE #: (N/A); INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO ALL CREDITORS: The Decedent, CAROL A. HOSIER, whose last known address was 67294 Becky Lane, South Haven, MI 49090, died March 22, 2025. There is no Personal Representative of the Decedent's Estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Creditors of the Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent's estate will be forever barred unless presented to ANDREW W. BARNES, TRUSTEE OF THE LAVERNE A. HOSIER AND CAROL A. HOSIER REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST U/T/A DATED DECEMBER 16, 2014, within four months after the date of this publication. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. Dated: March 26, 2025 ANDREW W. BARNES, TRUSTEE OF THE LAVERNE A. HOSIER AND CAROL A. HOSIER REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST U/T/A DATED DECEMBER 16, 2014 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: LAVERNE A. HOSIER; ATTY: ANDREW BARNES - ANDREW BARNES; 1ST PUB: 4/3/2025; ATTY FILE #: (N/A); INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO ALL CREDITORS: The Decedent, LAVERNE A. HOSIER, whose last known address was 67294 Becky Lane, South Haven, MI 49090, died March 23, 2025. There is no Personal Representative of the Decedent's Estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Creditors of the Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent's estate will be forever barred unless presented to ANDREW W. BARNES, TRUSTEE OF THE LAVERNE A. HOSIER AND CAROL A. HOSIER REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST U/T/A DATED DECEMBER 16, 2014, within four months after the date of this publication. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. Dated: March 26, 2025 ANDREW W. BARNES, TRUSTEE OF THE LAVERNE A. HOSIER AND CAROL A. HOSIER REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST U/T/A DATED DECEMBER 16, 2014 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: ARLENE BONADURER; ATTY: TEAM J; 1ST PUB: 4/3/2025; ATTY FILE #: 522658F01; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Arlene Bonadurer
Original Mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Selene Finance LP
Date of Mortgage: July 23, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 11, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $42,868.39
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Columbia, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 5 and 6, Crestview Estates, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, on Page 47, Van Buren County Records.
Common street address (if any): 19020 47th St, Bloomingdale, MI 49026-8737
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 3, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(04-03)(04-24)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: PAUL JOHN MCFARLAND; ATTY: SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. - SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, PC; 1ST PUB: 3/27/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-001906-2; INSURER: FHLMC
SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - VAN BUREN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on April 24, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Paul John McFarland, a married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 15, 2016 Recorded on May 24, 2016, Liber 1636, on Page 556, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 40/100 Dollars ($73,355.40) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Van Buren County, and described as: Lot 24, Harrison Acres, Paw Paw Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 39. Commonly known as 56111 39th St, Paw Paw, MI 49079 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(03-27)(04-17)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BROOKS COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LLC; ATTY: FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. - BENJAMIN J. PRICE ; 1ST PUB: 3/27/2025; ATTY FILE #: (N/A); INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on April 17, 2023, by Brooks Commercial Real Estate LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, as Mortgagor, given by it to Commercial Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, as Mortgagee, recorded on May 1, 2023, in Liber 1752, Page 219, Van Buren County Records; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One and 57/100 Dollars ($320,481.57); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at the front steps of the Courthouse in Paw Paw, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Van Buren County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN, COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Parcel 1: The East 22 feet of the West 44.0 feet of Lot 1 and also the East 22.0 feet of the West 44.0 feet of Lot 2, Block 9, Hale, Conger and Company's Addition to the Village (now City) of South Haven, EXCEPTING therefrom the North 16.50 feet of the above described lands, City of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan. Parcel 2: Beginning at a point on the South line of Lot 12, Block 9, Hale, Conger and Company's Addition to the Village (now City) of South Haven, 222.50 feet East of the Southwest corner of said lot; thence Northerly and parallel with the East line of said lot, 132.0 feet; thence Easterly to the Northwest corner of Lot 2; thence Southerly to the Southwest corner of Lot 1; thence Westerly along South line of Lot 12 to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING therefrom the North 16.5 feet. ALSO the West 22 feet of Lots 1 and 2, EXCEPTING therefrom the North 16.5 feet of the West 22.0 feet of Lot 2, Block 9, Hale, Conger and Company's Addition to the City of South Haven, City of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan. Parcel 3: The East 22 feet of the West 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, EXCEPT the North 16.5 feet thereof, Block 9, Hale, Conger and Company's Addition to the Village (now City) of South Haven, according to the recorded plat in Liber 25 of Plats, Page 470, Van Buren County Records, being a part of the Southeast fractional 1/4 of Section 3, Town 1 South, Range 17 West, according to the government survey thereof, City of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan. Parcel 4: The North 16.5 feet of Lot 2, Block 9, Hale, Conger and Company's Addition to the Village (now City) of South Haven. ALSO commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 12; thence Easterly along the South line of said lot 222.5 feet; thence Northerly parallel of the East line of said lot 115.5 feet to the beginning of this description; thence continuing Northerly parallel to the Easterly line of said lot 16.5 feet; thence Easterly to the Northwest corner of Lot 2; thence Southerly along the West line of said Lot 2, 16.5 feet; thence Westerly to the place of beginning, being in Block 9, Hale Conger and Company's Addition to the Village (now City) of South Haven, City of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan. Commonly known as: 559 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan 49090 Parcel Number: 80-53-769-001-50 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: March 20, 2025 COMMERCIAL BANK of Alma, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

(03-27)(04-17)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: AARON JOHNSON; ATTY: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES - POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES; 1ST PUB: 3/20/2025; ATTY FILE #: 320395; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Aaron Johnson, Married Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Mortgage: March 26, 2019 Date of Mortgage Recording: April 9, 2019 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $127,073.41 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Village of Mattawan, Van Buren County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 67 in Westland Park No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 7 of plats, Page 61, Van Buren County Records. Commonly Known as: 57403 Rumshire Dr., Mattawan, MI 49071 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 03/20/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 320395

(03-20)(04-10)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BARBARA LYNN ROKOS; ATTY: TEAM H; 1ST PUB: 3/20/2025; ATTY FILE #: 521906F01; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Barbara Lynn Rokos, a single woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Village Capital & Investment, LLC
Date of Mortgage: October 26, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 30, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $52,040.17
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 3 South, Range 16 West, Hartford Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, described as beginning at the East 1/4 post of said Section 34, thence S 00 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds W, along the East line of said Section, 1014.42 feet to the point of beginning of the land herein described, thence continuing S 00 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds W, along the said East line, 300 feet to the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Southeast 1/4, thence N 89 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds W, along said South line, 300 feet, thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds E, parallel with the East line of said Section, 300 feet, thence S 89 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds E, parallel with the South line of the northeast 1/4 of said Southeast 1/4 300 feet to the place of

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beginning.
Common street address (if any): 70858 62nd St, Hartford, MI 49057-8659
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 20, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(03-20)(04-10)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: MATE VUJIC; ATTY: TEAM J; 1ST PUB: 3/20/2025; ATTY FILE #: 490924F05; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Petar Vujic by Ante Vujic, his attorney-in-fact and Mate Vujic by Ante Vujic, his attorney-in-fact
Original Mortgagee: Bank of America, N.A.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: August 21, 2008
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 27, 2008
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $88,989.29
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Lawrence, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 26, Block 1 Boudreau Shores, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Van Buren County in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 2.
Common street address (if any): 60558 N Lakeshore Dr, Lawrence, MI 49064-9723
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 20, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BEVERLY RACHEL HILTON; ATTY: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. - RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.; 1ST PUB: 3/13/2025; ATTY FILE #: 22MI00347-6; INSURER: (UNKNOWN) FORECLOSURE NOTICE
ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM, April 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Beverly Rachel Hilton, A Single Woman to Republic Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2005, and recorded on June 13, 2005, in Liber 1439, Page 890, Van Buren County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 20, 2025 and recorded February 26, 2025 in Liber 1775, Page 249, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty and 94/100 ($47,140.94) including interest at the rate of 6.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2 and 3 excepting the South 50 feet thereof in Block 42, the Village of Paw Paw original plat. Commonly known as: 500 E SAINT JOSEPH ST, PAW PAW, MI 49079 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 13, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 22MI00347-6

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: KEVIN WAITE; ATTY: BETTER CHOICE NOTICE SOLUTIONS - BROCK & SCOTT PLLC MI; 1ST PUB: 3/13/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-18752; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Kevin Waite to loanDepot.com, LLC dated March 7, 2022 and recorded March 14, 2022 in Liber 1734 at Page 324, Van Buren County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by loanDepot.com, LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $169,026.72. Said premises are located in Van Buren County, Michigan and are described as: THE LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALMENA, COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 18, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, AT A POINT 1416.00 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST 1/4 POST OF THE SECTION; THENCE NORTH ON THE SECTION LINE 150.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°35'54" WEST 340.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 150.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°35'54" EAST, 340.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Parcel/APN/Tax ID: 80-01-018-002-60 Said property is commonly known as 32846 32nd St, Paw Paw, MI 49079. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: March 7, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-18752

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: GARED M OWSIANY; ATTY: HOLZMAN, RITTER & LEDUC, PLLC - HOLZMAN CORKERY, PLLC; 1ST PUB: 3/13/2025; ATTY FILE #: (N/A); INSURER: (UNKNOWN)- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M., on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Gared M. Owsiany a/k/a Gared Owsiany, a married man, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to United Bay Community Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated August 25, 2020, and recorded on September 03, 2020, in Liber 1705, on Page 554, Van Buren County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and 75/100 Dollars ($132,248.75) plus accrued interest at 3.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan @ 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Said premises are situated in the Township of Paw Paw, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point found by commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 22, Town 3 South, Range 14 West, according to the government survey thereof, and running thence with bearing referenced to a survey recorded in Liber 1 of Survey Maps, Page 314, North 88 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds West along the South Line of the Southeast quarter of said Section 1045.58 feet to the point of beginning of this description; Thence North 01 degree 04 minutes 40 seconds east parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter 835.00 feet; Thence South 88 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds East parallel with said South line 522.78 feet; thence South 01 degree 04 minutes 40 seconds West 835.00 feet to the South line of said Section; thence North 88 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds West 522.78 feet to beginning, according to a survey made by Smith and Smith, Inc., recorded in Liber 2 of Survey Maps, Page 78 on June 20, 1972. Commonly: 38338 64th Avenue Paw Paw, MI 49079—Tax Id #80-14-022-044-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 13, 2025 United Bay Community Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025 CITY OF BANGOR, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BANGOR:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Bangor who is not already registered may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at **mi.gov/vote** and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at **www.expressSOS.com.**
The last day to register in any manner other than in person with the local clerk is Monday, April 21nd, 2025
After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the City of Bangor Clerk's office, located at 257 W. Monroe St. Bangor, MI 49013 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, May 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Bangor will be voting on Two (2) Council Members and One (1) Mayor each with a 3-year term.
Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City of Bangor Clerks office, 257 W. Monroe St. Bangor, MI 49013, telephone: 269-427-5831. A sample ballot may be viewed at **mi.gov/vote.**
Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the clerk's office.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City of Bangor Clerk

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF BANGOR, MICHIGAN MAY 6TH, 2025 ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BANGOR:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election will be held in the City of Bangor on

Tuesday May 6th 2025
The Polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm

At the following location:
Precinct 1
257 W. Monroe Street Bangor MI 49013

For the purpose of electing candidates to the following offices:
Two (2) Council Members each with a 3-year term
One (1) Mayor with a 3-year term

Electors may obtain Absentee Ballots from the City Clerk's office at 257 W Monroe St.
BANGOR CITY CLERK, SHELLY UMBANHOWAR

Public Notice: American Towers LLC is proposing a collocation of three (3) 96" x 22.8" and three (3) 38.2" x 21.5" panel antennas at 159-ft AGL on an existing 194.7-ft (201.6-ft AGL overall with appurtenances) monopole communications tower at 33760 County Road 653, southeast of the City of Gobles, within Van Buren County, Michigan (Van Buren County Parcel ID: 80-01-015-010-11). The existing tower structure will be fitted with no additional lighting and the tower facility includes the existing fenced tower compound, along with a 30-ft buffer surrounding the existing fenced tower compound. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested persons may comment or raise concerns about the proposed action by submitting an e-mail to enviro.services@americantower.com. Paper comments can be sent to: American Towers LLC, Attn: Environmental Compliance, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801.

Requests or comments should be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns and must be received on or before 30 days from the first date of publication of this notice. This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BANGOR

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the **Public Accuracy Test** for the **May 6, 2025 Local General Election** has been scheduled for **Tuesday 04/22/2025 at 10:30 AM** in the **City Hall Council Room, 257 West Monroe St. Bangor, Michigan.**

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

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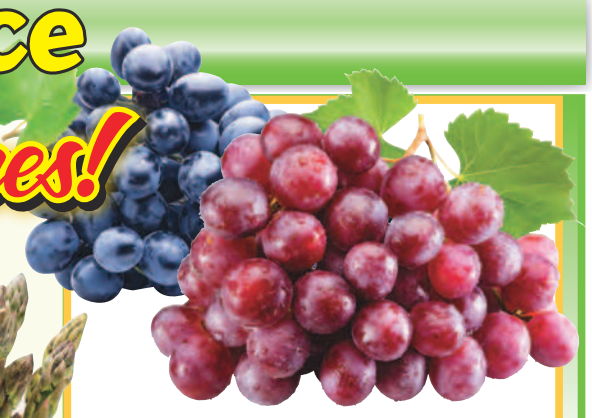

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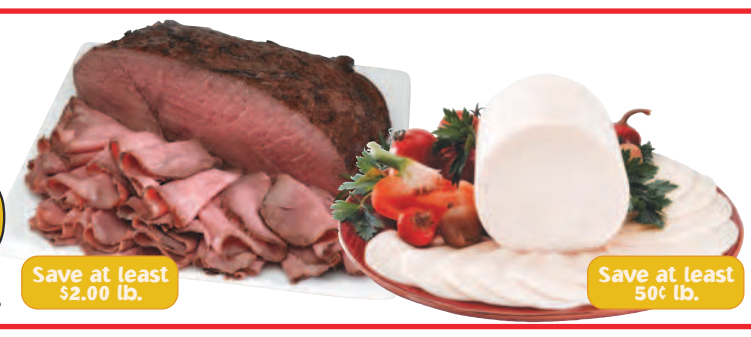

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Select Varieties
Dannon Danimal Smoothies (6 ct.), **Light + Fit** (32 oz.), **Activia** (4 ct.) or **Yocrunch Yogurt** (4 ct.)
2/$6
Save at least $1.78 on 2

Select Varieties
Florida's Natural Orange Juice
52 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Our Family Milk
1% Lowfat or Fat Free
gallon
2/$7
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Select Varieties
TruMoo Flavored Milk
64 oz.
$2.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Country Fresh Cottage Cheese or Sour Cream
12 - 16 oz.
2/$4
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Sliced Cheese
6 - 8 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $2.38 on 2

Select Varieties
I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!
Tub (15 oz.) or Garlic Butter Spray (8 oz.)
2/$6
Save at least $3.48 on 2

Select Varieties
Tropicana Juice
46 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $1.58 on 2

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream
4 qt. pail
$6.99
Save at least $2.50 on 1

Select Varieties
California Pizza Kitchen 12-Inch Thin Crust
(13.5 - 15.5 oz.) or **DiGiorno** Detroit Style (20.9 - 22.3 oz.), Hand Tossed (17.3 - 18.9 oz.), 12-inch Original Rising Crust (24.6 - 29.3 oz.), Thin (20.6 - 21.9 oz.) or Croissant (22.5 - 23.5 oz.)
2/$14
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Nestlé Oreo Novelties
Bars, Balltop Cone or Sandwich, 4 - 5 ct.
$4.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Kellogg's French Toast Sticks, Pancakes or Waffles
10 - 12 ct.
2/$6
Save at least 50¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Onion Rings or Potatoes
16 - 32 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $3.18 on 2

Select Varieties
Birdseye Vegetables
Regular or Steamfresh
6 - 14.4 oz.
2/$5
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Totino's Pizza Rolls
50 ct.
2/$9
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Farm Rich Appetizers
13 - 22 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $3.00 on 1

health & beauty and general merchandise

Goody Sale!

Select Varieties
Goody Hair Products
each
20% OFF Regular Retail

TopCare Aloe Vera Gel
16 oz. **$3.99**

Select Varieties
TopCare Antacid Tablets
60 - 150 ct. ..... **2/$5**

TopCare Sleep Aid
24 ct. caplets **$2.99**

Select Varieties
TopCare Ibuprofen
50 ct. **$4.99**

Select Varieties
TopCare Protective Underwear
12 - 39 ct.
$1.00 OFF Regular Retail

TopCare Hydrogen Peroxide
32 oz.
2/$3

TopCare 70% Isopropyl Alcohol
32 oz.
$3.99

TopCare Charcoal Nose Strips
6 ct.
$3.99

TopCare Dental Floss
Hi-Tech Mint Waxed (54.7 yds.), Waxed Tape (50 yd.) or Dental Flossers Mint (90 ct.)
2/$5

TopCare Extra Strength Non-Aspirin
(50 ct. caplets) or **Rapid Release** (50 ct. gel caps)
$4.99

Pepto-Bismol Liquid
24 oz. **$9.99**

Select Varieties
Aussie Conditioner Miracle Moist with Pump
26.2 oz. **$7.99**

Bengay Gel Menthol Pain Relief
2 oz. **$4.99**

Itch-X Anti-Itch Gel
1.25 oz. **$4.99**

Select Varieties
Dr. Teals Epsom Salt or Foaming Bath
(20 oz. - 4 lb.), **Sugar Scrub** (4 lb.) or **Sleep Spray** (6 oz.) **$5.99**

Select Varieties
Suave Shampoo or Conditioner
12.6 oz.
2/$7

Select Varieties
Right Guard Xtreme Antiperspirant or Invisible Solid
2.6 - 4 oz.
2/$9

Select Varieties
Old Spice Body Wash
16 - 24 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Oral-B, Scope or Crest Products
2.5 - 16.9 oz., 1 - 75 ct. or 43.7 yd.
$4.99

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Truckload Produce Sale!

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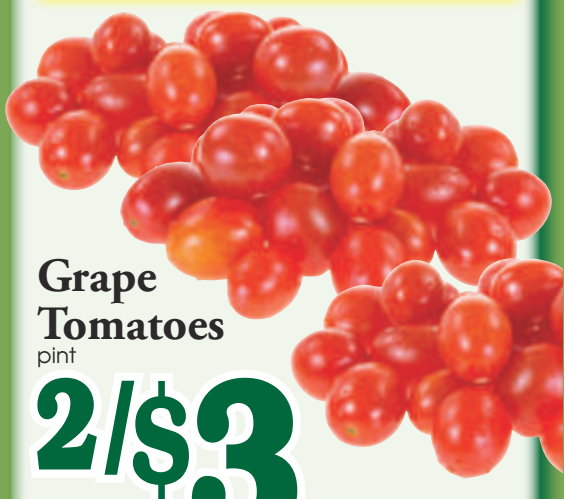
• 8 AM to 8 PM

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Fresh
Bananas
49¢ lb.

Fresh
Head of Lettuce
each
99¢



Grape Tomatoes
pint
2/$3

Dole Gold Pineapple
each
$2.99

Fresh Express Iceberg Garden Salad Mix
12 oz.
3/$5

Sweet Corn In The Husk
each
5/$3

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Blueberries
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each
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Fresh
Broccoli Crowns
$1.99 lb.

Limes or Lemons
each
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!

Green Beans
$1.29 lb.

Our Family Medium Yellow Onions
3 lb. bag
$1.69